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In re the Application of

Jasmin WEINERT

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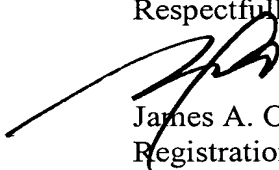
**RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the November 3, 2004 Patent Office Communication, and further to the August 17, 2004 Amendment and the August 24, 2004 Applicant's Communication, and further to the December 3, 2004 telephone interview between Applicant's representative and Examiner Vargot, copies of the English-language specification, claims, abstract, drawings and preliminary Amendment, as originally filed on March 27, 2002 are enclosed.

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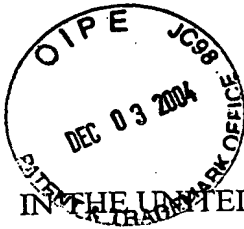
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Attachments:  
Specification, Claims and Abstract  
Drawings

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination and after entry of the annexes to the IPER, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-7, 10-12 and 16 as follows:

3. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein in step a) at least two product layers are applied on said partial surface of said carrier (5).
4. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein steps a) to c) are performed during one rotation of said carrier (5).
5. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein steps a) and b) are performed during at least two rotations of said carrier (5) and are followed by step c).
6. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein steps a), b) and c) are performed continuously and simultaneously on different partial surfaces of said carrier at a same angular velocity of said carrier.

7. (Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein a method of coating under vacuum is used in step a).
10. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said separating agent is an inorganic separating agent which may be evaporated in vacuum without dissociation, said product layers include metals, oxides, fluorides or carbides, and said carrier (5) comprises metal, glass, enamel, ceramic, or an organic material.
11. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said carrier (5) comprises an open or closed, rotationally symmetrical, rigid body.
12. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said carrier (5) comprises several open or closed, rotationally symmetrical, rigid bodies which rotate about a common axis or about several axes.
16. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 8, comprising means for coating said carrier with a separating agent layer prior to application of said product layer, wherein said separating agent is a meltable organic separating agent, said product layers include metals, oxides, fluorides or carbides, and said carrier (5) comprises metal, glass, enamel, ceramic, or an organic material.